Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Rotary International was founded on February 23, 1905, in Chicago, Illinois, and is the world's first and one of the largest non-profit humanitarian service organizations; and,

Whereas, In 1985, Rotary launched PolioPlus and spearheaded efforts with the World Health Organization, United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF to immunize the children of the world against polio; and,

Whereas, Polio cases have dropped by 99.9 percent since 1988, and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease; and,

Whereas, Rotary has contributed more than 1.3 billion dollars and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries; and,

Whereas, These efforts are providing much needed operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment, and educational materials for health workers and parents; and,

Whereas, There are 30 Rotary clubs across South Dakota that actively sponsor service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, health, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment in their communities and abroad:

Now, Therefore, I Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 24, 2016, as

WORLD POLIO DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State